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1. CLAGETT TAYLOR, CONSULAR OFFICER AT EMBASSY LUSAKA 1972-4
STATES GUMANE'S CHARGES (REFS E AND H) AS FAR AS TAYLOR IS CON-
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CERNED ARE COMPLETELY WITHOUT FOUNDATION. IN HIS CONTACTS WITH

GUMANE AND OTHER COREMO OFFICIALS TAYLOR NEVER OFFERED ADVICE AS TO HOW COREMO SHOULD PROCEED IN MOZAMBIQUE OR GAVE ANY COREMO REPRESENTATIVE MONEY FOR MOVEMENT OR PERSONAL USE. WITH REGARD TO SPECIFIC CHARGE THAT, FOLLOWING FRELIMO VICTORY IN MOZAMBIQUE, TAYLOR ADVISED GUMANE TO RETURN TO MOZAMBIQUE TO BUILD UP MOVEMENT, LAST TIME TAYLOR SAW GUMANE WAS DAY OF PORTUGUESE COUP (APRIL 25), WELL BEFORE FRELIMO VICTORY EVIDENT. SOON AFTERWARDS GUMANE LEFT ZAMBIA FOR MALAWI. FOR THE RECORD, IN HIS MEETINGS WITH GUMANE TAYLOR WAS CAREFUL IN WHAT HE SAID AS HE BELIEVED GUMANE TO BE OPPORTUNISTIC AND EXTREMELY UNTRUSTWORTHY.

2. TAYLOR DID RPT DID MEET WITH MRS RPT MRS GUMANE ON THREE OCCASIONS IN MAY-JUNE 1974. AT ONE OF THESE MEETINGS MRS. GUMANE STATE PAUL GUMANE WAS IN MALAWI AND CONSIDERING TRAVEL TO SWAZI-LAND VIA SOUTH AFRICA. TAYLOR "ADVISED" (IF THAT IS WHAT IT CAN BE CALLED SINCE IT WAS NO MORE THAN STATING THE OBVIOUS) MRS. GUMANE THAT IT MIGHT BE DANGEROUS FOR PAUL TO TRANSIT SOUTH AFRICA EN ROUTE TO SWAZILAND. FOLLOWING CLOSURE OF COREMO'S LUSAKA OFFICE IN JUNE, MRS. GUMANE ASKED TAYLOR TO HELP TRANSFER SOME FUNDS FROM ZAMBIA TO MALAWI. TAYLOR REFUSED AND SHORTLY AFTERWARDS MRS. GUMANE LEFT ZAMBIA. POSSIBLY THIS REFUSAL LED GUMANE TO MENTION TAYLOR BY NAME IN HIS " CONFESSION."

3. DURING HIS TOUR IN LUSAKA, TAYLOR ALSO HAD CONTACTS WITH FRELIMO REPRESENTATIVE MARIANO MATSINHA, NOW BELIEVED TO BE IN LOURENCO MARQUES. SHOULD HE WISH TO DO SO, MATSINHA IS ABLE COMMENT ON NATURE OF CONTACTS BY EMBASSY LUSAKA OFFICERS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

4. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO KNOW WHETHER GUMANE ALSO " CONFESSED" HIS CONTACTS WITH ZAIRE EMBASSY IN LUSAKA AND HIS SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ZAIRE PRESIDENT MOBUTU. BOTH MR AND MRS GUMANE TRAVELED ON ZAIRE PASSPORTS WHEN TRAVELING ABROAD 1972-3.
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